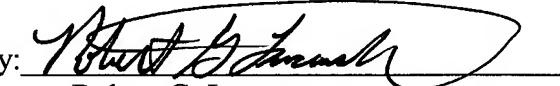


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of December 17, 2003, confirms applicant's instructions replace paragraph 11 of the specification with the above amended paragraph, to cancel claims 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28, and to amend the claims 1, 8 and 15 of this application.

Please contact the undersigned if any further clarification is required.

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